



Newsletter - April 24

How did we spend our money last year?

Helping people - Nechells, Druids Heath, Fatima House, Asylum seekers etc	£2216
Twinnages – supporting SVP conferences in Rumania, India and Sudan	£910
SVP National Kindness appeal to help those in need in poorer areas	£500
SVP National levy based upon income to support national projects & assistance	£711

In addition, see more details overleaf, we

1. Sent 80 bags of warm clothing to Druids Heath
2. Took over 100 Christmas presents to the children of St Vincents parish in Nechells
3. Continue with our daily Costco food collection and deliveries around Central Birmingham
4. Continue to collect non perishable food from parishioners and Sainsburys for Bethany Foodbank and St Chads Sanctuary
5. For 2 Saturdays before Christmas we had a cash collection in Sainsburys and raised over £1000 for Bethany Foodbank
6. Held and supported parish events including afternoon teas, lunches and the pig roast. We have recently been very pleased to welcome a number of Ukrainians from within and around the parish.
7. Continue to visit and support the sick, elderly and lonely in the parish
8. Continue with financial support to Fatima House, a Father Hudsons project, offering a safe space to up to 9 female asylum seekers
9. The Mini Vinnies are very active at St George & St Teresa School and recently held a fantastic cake sale raising funds for Father Hudsons and donating surplus cakes to Bethany foodbank. Very well done to them all.

If you would like to help in some way here are some ideas:

1. You could join us in a couple of ways:
 - a. As a full member, we meet for two afternoons a month to discuss and organise projects for those in need
 - b. As an auxiliary helper you can be available, at times to suit you, to help us with our various project e.g. afternoon teas, parish and other events etc
2. We are very keen to develop the success of the Mini Vinnies in school and take them onto a Youth SVP but we need some willing helpers to run this, perhaps ideally parents of past or present children or possibly older teenagers who want to be involved in youth work in some way.
3. Financially there is a wall box in the narthex and we have a Just Giving page which can be accessed via the SVP page of the parish web site.
4. For more information please email svpstgt@btinternet.com or speak to any SVP member

Thank you



Pastor Kevin & Bethany Foodbank Collections



Currently serving over 1.000 customers a month. As well as food they need considerable funds as their rent & fuel bills are now over £4,000pm

Sainsburys Collections of Donated Food

Very enthusiastic support from Sainsburys staff and their customers are very generous with their donated non-perishable food



Costco Delivery to St Chads Sanctuary



St Chads serve 200- 300 asylum seekers per week and help them with food, clothing, English lessons and other help with their lives. They have many volunteers from across the diocese.

Warm Clothes Delivery to Druids Heath

In addition to warm clothes we have bought them 30 electric throws. One quote” *It was so cold in my bungalow that you could see my breath. I used to lie in bed to try to stay warm, some days I didn’t even get up to eat because I couldn’t bear trying to heat up afterwards. They brought me a heated throw and I am able to sit anywhere in the house and put the throw over me. It costs 3p a day to run.*



Many thanks from them all